



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Precipitation received last week replenished soil moisture supplies in localized areas. However, vast portions of the state remained depleted of sufficient moisture as dry, windy conditions have persisted. Overall, mountain snowpack was reduced to 84 percent of average. Statewide, on average, farmers were allowed 5.3 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	19	27	52	2
Last Week	19	25	54	2
Last Year	8	28	61	3

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	34	40	26	0
Last Week	36	44	20	0
Last Year	12	35	53	0

**Small Grains:** Five percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured this week, unchanged from last week. Thirteen percent of the winter wheat crop had reached the jointing stage, behind 65 percent last year and 50 percent on average. The crop condition rating was mostly fair to very poor. Spring barley was 59 percent seeded by week's end, behind last year and the average. Fifteen percent of the barley crop had emerged, compared with 39 percent last year and 29 percent on average. Seeding of spring wheat advanced 14 percentage points from last week to 45 percent. Fifteen percent of the spring wheat crop had emerged, behind last year and average.

**Row Crops:** Planting of onions continued behind the average pace, with 63 percent planted last week. Sugarbeets were 10 percent planted, well behind last year

and average. Producers also made limited progress planting potatoes last week, with a modest 3 percentage point increase to 19 percent by week's end. Planting progress for the crop remained well behind average.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 28, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	25	29	35	11	0
Last Year	2	13	34	45	6

**Pasture and Range:** As moisture was still in short supply across the state, pasture and range conditions were rated 73 percent very poor to poor. This is compared with the five-year average of 32 percent very poor to poor.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 28, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	44	29	21	6	0
Prev. Year - 2012	10	24	39	27	0
5-Year Avg.	8	24	36	30	2

**Livestock:** Calving and lambing rates continue near the average, with 86 percent of cows having calved since January 1<sup>st</sup>, while 82 percent of ewes have lambed. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were rated short for this time of year.

## Spring 2013 Calving and Lambing

	2013	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	86	87
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	82	85

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending April 28, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	4	-	20	18
Emerged	-	-	2	1
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	63	56	91	82
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	59	42	68	62
Emerged	18	16	39	29
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	45	31	66	51
Emerged	15	12	21	18
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	-	-	2	1
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	10	8	60	48
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Planted	19	16	54	29
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Pastured	5	5	1	3
Jointed	13	8	65	50

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS <sup>1/</sup>

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	4	11	39	46	0

<sup>1/</sup> Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.